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SUBJ: SUBSCRIPTIONS TO NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS IN CONSULAR DISTRICT

1. CONGEN HAS BEEN REBUFFED IN SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO SUBSCRIBE TO NEWSPAPERS AND JOURNALS IN SUCH AREAS OF OUR CONSULAR DISTRICT AS PSKOV, NOVGOROD, ARKHANGEL'SK, MURMANSK. THE LENINGRAD ADMINISTRATION OF "SOYUZPECHAT" ADVISED US IN JUNE 1975 THAT IT COULD NOT PROVIDE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO PAPERS FROM THESE AREAS BECAUSE THEY "ARE DISTRIBUTED ONLY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF A GIVEN OBLAST".

2. CONGEN SUBSEQUENTLY RAISED MATTER WITH DIPLOMATIC AGENCY WHICH FINALLY REPLIED THAT NOTHING COULD BE DONE TO CHANGE POLICY. CONGEN HAD ADDUCED DESIRABILITY OF BEING INFORMED ON EVENTS IN CONSTITUENT PARTS OF CONSULAR DISTRICT, ETC., BUT THIS REASONING OBVIOUSLY FAILED TO EXCITE OFFICIAL PARTIES CONCERNED.

3. IN LIGHT OF CSCE AND PRACTICAL CASE THAT EXISTS FOR OBTAINING SUCH SUBSCRIPTIONS, CONGEN RECOMMENDS THAT EMBASSY CONSIDER MAKING APPROACH AT CENTRAL LEVEL ALONG LINE THAT FOREIGN REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ENTER MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO PRINCIPAL PUBLICATIONS WITHING CONSULAR DISTRICTS AS MEANS OF BEING "BETTER INFORMED

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ON AREAS' ACHIEVEMENTS, DEVELOPMENTS, ETC." WE REALIZE

THAT SOVIET SECRECY SYNDROME MAY INHIBIT ACCESSION TO
THIS REQUEST, BUT POST-CSCE PERIOD MAY OFFER A GOOD
OPPORTUNITY TO POINT UP THIS PARTICULAR GRAY AREA.
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